Mr. C. Matthai.—What we give in the shape of advance is not grant.

President.—Even in Sirkar schools, the total amount of the advance is not recouped. Some portion is given to them.

Mr. C. Matthai.—I think you know, Sir, we have practically ceased to give building grants—grants of capital expenditure, so that sinking a well or putting up a fence is not a recurring expenditure. As for recurring expenditure, the idea is, more or less, that it should be recouped when the products are sold.

President.—Putting up a fence. How can it be recouped?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Fencing may be recurring.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—In the matter of these handiccrafts there may be some loss. That also may be considered as recurring expenditure. How can it be recouped?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Of course, there will be a certain proportion of loss.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—What I want to bring to the attention of the House is that there is a differential treatment of schools. In all other respects we treat schools directly under the Government as well as under private agencies alike, and give equal help. But only in this matter we treat them differently.

Mr. C. Matthai.—We cannot say we give equal treatment. As I said just now, we do not give grants for buildings, acquisition of compounds, etc.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Though it has been stopped by the Government, *it is in the Code.*

Mr. C. Matthai.—Even then it is only a portion of the expenditure. There is bound to be some difference.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—In the case of aided schools only a portion of the amount is spent.

Mr. C. Matthai.—That is not done now.

The Kakkad road.

512. Dr. A. R. Menon .—Will the Government be pleased to state if its attention was drawn to the deplorable condition of the middle portion of the old Kakkad road in Kunnamkulam village, for the reason that no repairs were done in the middle, while the northern and southern portions of the road were improved and were opened for traffic;

will the Government be pleased to state after enquiry, if the whole of the road could be made useful for traffic, what will be the expenditure for the same?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No. Enquiries will be made.

A Petition for a Panchayat Court.

513. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received any petition from the inhabitants of Ollur, Edakkunni and Marattakara for the establishment of a Panchayat court for these villages;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, what action the Government has taken in the matter?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 80 of the Vrischigam sitting.

Land-tax.

514. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the average land-tax per acre of paddy land in the State;

(2) the average in the Chittur Taluk;

(3) the average in the irrigation tract;

(4) the average for the poor lands (the 4th and 5th *tarams)* of the irrigation tract in Chittur Taluk?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(1) The average land-tax ranges from Rs. 2—11—4 per acre to Rs. 5—2—10 per acre in accordance with the tenure assigned to each land.

(2) The average ranges from Rs. 4—0—11 to Rs. 6—4—0 per acre.

(3) The average ranges from Rs. 4—12—8 to Rs. 7—1—0 per acre.

(4) Separate figures for these lands are not available. The rates of assessment for the 4th and 5th *taram* single crop *nilams* are Rs. 5—8—0 per acre and Rs. 4—8—0 per acre respectively.

The Trichur Town Co-operative Stores.

515. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—1. (a) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table full details of the Town Co-operative Stores, Trichur, which was working for a short period, with special reference to date of registration;

(b) date of commencement of work;

(c) total number of shares sold with amount realised;

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